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SUBJECT: MILITARY OFFICERS CLEARED; NEW ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN TWO
OF THEM

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1. COL. TOKO, LT. COLS. MUSA, BUNYENYEZI AND TOLOKO, AND
MAJOR BAKER WERE CLEARED OF ALL CHARGES BY AMIN AND DEFENCE
COUNCIL IN MEETING ON AUGUST 29. OFFICERS HAD BEEN ACCUSE OF "SUB-
VERSIVE ACTIVITIES" WHILE ON LEAVE (REFTEL).

2. BUNYENYEZI WAS THEREUPON APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA. COL.
TOKO WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS. MUSA
AND BAKER WILL BE ASSIGNED OTHER DUTIES. TOLOKO WAS DISMISSED
FROM ARMED FORCES FOR DRUNKENNESS.

3. FIVE OFFICERS IMPLICATED IN SUPPOSED PLOT TO OVERTHROW GOVERN-
MENT BY ARMY CORPORAL AUGUSTINO AND CIVILIAN RWANDESE NAMED
OZIERI RULANGWA. AUGUSTINO AND RULANGWA RELATED AT MEETING CON-
FUSING STORY ABOUT BEING CONTACTED BY OTHERWISE UNIDENTIFIED MAN

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NAMED MUGERWA WHO SAID HE WAS COMING FROM NAIROBI AND WANTED
TO CONTACT THE OFFICERS ON LEAVE. MUGERWA REPORTEDLY SHOWED AUGUS-

TINO A "CHIT" CONCERNING A PLAN BY ASIANS AND EUROPEANS IN NAIROBI TO OVERTHROW THE GOU.

4. THE MILITARY OFFICERS DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH PLANS, SAYING SOME PEOPLE WERE TRYING TO CREATE CONFUSION IN UGANDA AND TO GET THEM (THE OFFICERS) IN TROUBLE. AUGUSTINO AND RULANGWA ARE BEING HELD FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING.

5. AMIN ONCE AGAIN CRITICIZED MILITARY OFFICERS AND CIVILIAN MINISTERS WHO WERE PAYING MORE ATTENTION TO THEIR BUSINESSES THAN THEIR DUTIES AND WARNED THAT SUCH PEOPLE WOULD HAVE NO PLACE IN THE RE-ORGANISED GOU. HE SPECIFICALLY NAMED FORMER MINISTER OF POWER, LT. COL. OBITRE-GAMA, WHO, HE SAID, OWNS A PAPER FACTORY WHICH EARNS HIM 200,000 SHILLINGS A DAY, WHEREAS HIS GOVERNMENT SALARY WAS ONLY 6,000 SHILLINGS A MONTH.
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